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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a guidewire having a substantially cylindrical mandrel, said mandrel having one or more segments each having a diameter not exceeding a maximal diameter, the method comprising:
providing a wire of a diameter greater than the maximal diameter; and
reducing the diameter of the wire to less than the maximal diameter such that a mandrel is obtained whose diameter is less than the maximal diameter over substantially the entire length of the mandrel.

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